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# Office Action Summary

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7/3/2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 23, 25 - 28, 42 - 48, 51, 52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 24, 29 - 41, 49 and 50 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/3/2003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1- 16, 20, 21, 42, 44 – 48, 51 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tomisaki et al. (US Patent 6,696,687 B1).

The applied reference has common inventors with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention “by another,” or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

Regarding claim 1, Tomisaki discloses a radiation detector (Fig. 1) comprising a detection member including a plurality of pixels 3 and configured to generate a first charge, a first driver 21a configured to supply the detector with a first predetermined voltage to generate a first charge, an integration amplifier 23a configured to amplify the first charge generated from the detector, and an

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adjustment member 6a between the detector and integration amplifier, configured to adjust an offset component.

Regarding claim 2, Tomisaki discloses that the offset component is a charge generated from the detection element when not radiated to the detector (Col 3, Line 57).

Regarding claim 3, Tomisaki discloses that the offset component is a charge output from the integration amplifier when not radiated to the detector (Col. 3, Line 57).

Regarding claim 4, Tomisaki discloses that the adjustment member reduces the offset component (Col. 3, Line 57).

Regarding claim 5, Tomisaki discloses that the plurality of pixels 3 comprises: a conversion element 31, configured to convert the radiation to a first charge; a capacitor 32, configured to store the first charge converted by the conversion element; and a switching element, configured to generate the charge stored in the capacitor in response to the supply of voltage from the driver (Col. 3, Line 35).

Regarding claim 6, Tomisaki discloses a switching element to be a TFT 33.

Regarding claim 7, Tomisaki discloses the adjustment member formed on a substrate, and where the detection member is produced (Col. 1, Line 16).

Regarding claims 8 and 9, Tomisaki discloses that the adjustment member includes a TFT 33 (second switching element).

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Regarding claim 10, Tomisaki discloses (Fig. 9) that a TFT 61 is connected to a second capacitor 9.

Regarding claim 11, Tomisaki discloses (Fig. 13B) that one terminal of the TFT 61 may be grounded.

Regarding claim 12, Tomisaki discloses (Fig. 13C) that one terminal of the TFT 61 may maintain a predetermined potential.

Regarding claim 13, Tomisaki discloses (Fig. 13D) that one terminal of the TFT 61 may be left open.

Regarding claims 14, 15 and 16, Tomisaki discloses (Fig. 28A) a predetermined parasitic capacitance 91,3 of the TFT 33 where, the parasitic capacitance is generated at a crossing point between the signal line and the first adjustment line.

Regarding claim 20, Tomisaki discloses (Fig. 4 and Fig. 28) that the fine adjustment member includes a plurality of first adjustment lines, wherein the adjustment lines cross the signal lines creating parasitic capacitance.

Regarding claim 21, Tomisaki discloses (Fig. 4) a plurality of integration amplifiers 23a, wherein the first adjustment member adjusts the offset component for each of the plurality of amplifying elements independently (Col. 3, Line 35).

Regarding claim 42, Tomisaki discloses (Fig 4) a second gate driver 22 applies a predetermined voltage to the control lines 7 for the reason that the first adjustment member adjusts the offset component (Col. 4, Line 11).

Regarding claim 44, Tomisaki discloses that controller 25 supplies a reset signal to control line 8 for resetting the integrating circuits 23 during periods before and after the predetermined read time (Col. 5, Line 9).

Regarding claim 45, Tomisaki discloses that an adjustment line 7 and a second driver 22 are configured to supply the first adjustment line 7 with a second predetermined voltage between the first and second timings. Tomisaki also discloses that the adjustment member 6 adjusts the offset component (Col. 4, line 34 to Col. 5, Line 11).

Regarding claims 46 and 48, Tomisaki discloses the second driver terminates (Turns on/off) the supply of the second predetermined voltage between the second timing and the first timing. Tomisaki also discloses that the first driver supplies the detection member with the first predetermined voltage in a period between the first timing and the termination by the second driver (Fig 5) (Col 4, line 34 - Col. 5, Line 11).

Regarding claim 47, Tomisaki discloses the first driver wherein, the driver supplies the detection member with the first predetermined voltage in a period between the first timing and the termination by the second driver (Fig 5) (Col 4, line 34 to Col. 5, Line 11).

Regarding claim 51, Tomisaki discloses (Fig. 29) an X-ray diagnosis apparatus comprising a radiation source 303 and a radiation detector 301. The said radiation detector comprises a detection member including a plurality of pixels and configured to generate a first charge. Also, Tomisaki discloses a first driver configured to supply the detector with a first predetermined voltage to

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generate a first charge, an integration amplifier configured to amplify the first charge generated from the detector, and an adjustment member between the detector and integration amplifier, configured to adjust an offset component. Tomisaki discloses an image-storing unit 308 (memory) configured to store a first of the detection signals obtained without the radiation generated by the radiation generator. Additionally, Tomisaki discloses a processor 306 configured to obtain difference signal and a display 307 which, displays images detected by the radiation detector 301, and those processed by the image-processing (difference signal) unit 306.

Regarding claim 52, Tomisaki discloses a radiation detector comprising: a detection member including a plurality of pixels and configured to generate a first charge; a first driver configured to supply the detector with a first predetermined voltage to generate a first charge; an integration amplifier configured to amplify the first charge generated from the detector; and an adjustment member between the detector and the integration amplifier configured to adjust an offset component. Additionally, Tomisaki discloses a second driver 22 is configured to start to supply the first adjustment line 7 with a second predetermined voltage between the first and second timings for the reason that the adjustment member 6 adjusts the offset component (Col 4, line 34 to Col. 5, Line 11).

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103**

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 17 –19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Tomisaki.

The applied reference has common inventors with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art only under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) might be overcome by: (1) a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not an invention “by another”; (2) a showing of a date of invention for the claimed subject matter of the application which corresponds to subject matter disclosed but not claimed in the reference, prior to the effective U.S. filing date of the reference under 37 CFR 1.131; or (3) an oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.130 stating that the application and reference are currently owned by the same party and that the inventor named in the application is the prior inventor under 35 U.S.C. 104, together with a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). This rejection might also be overcome by showing that the reference is disqualified under 35 U.S.C. 103(c) as prior art in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). See MPEP § 706.02(I)(1) and § 706.02(I)(2).

Regarding claims 17 –19, Tomisaki discloses crossing signal and adjustment lines (Fig 4). Tomisaki fails to disclose the single lines and adjustment lines with different sizes at the crossing point, however it would have



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been obvious at the time of the invention was made to a person of ordinary skill in the art to modify Tomisaki, since it is conventionally used and known in the art of electronics that between two lines, the parasitic capacitance can be altered by the shape of the lines at crossing.

Claims 23 and 25 -28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Tomisaki in view of Kwak et al. (US Pub. 2001/0024254 A1).

Regarding claims 23 and 25 -28, Tanaka discloses the invention according to claim 22, but Tanaka does not expressly disclose the radiation detector further comprising a pad configured to bundle the plurality of signal lines. Kwak discloses what is well known and conventional used in electronics, a tab system (fig. 1) that electrically connects signal lines to a pad along a circuit [0003-0004].

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person of ordinary skill in the art to modify Tomisaki to include a pad such as that taught by Kwak, since pads simplify connections and are conventionally used in electronics.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 24, 29 – 41, 49 and 50 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

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Regarding claim 24, the prior art of record does not suggest or teach a radiation detector comprising a tab system configured to include a pad, wherein the integration amplifier is included in the tab and the plurality of signals are connected to the integration amplifier through the pad. Although, references like Kwak teach a tab system connected with a pad, Kwak does not suggest any modification to include an amplifier in the tab.

Regarding claim 29, the prior art of record does not suggest or teach a radiation detector comprising a second adjustment member between the detection member and the integration amplifier, and configured to reduce a second charge resulting from the first predetermined voltage supplied to the detection member from the first divider. Also, the second charge being included in the first charge to be amplified by the integration amplifier.

Claims 30 – 41, 49 and 50 are allowed because they further limit claim 29.

### **Conclusion**


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Djura Malevic whose telephone number is (571) 272-5975. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday between 8:30am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Porta can be reached on (571) 272-2444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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